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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Sept. 11.—A few days of nice good weather will put the staple on the move, as October notes are coming before our farmers notice to plan for each day.

Rev. L. E. Wiggins has been holding services in the Ehrhardt Methodist church last week, ending Sunday night, by adding five or six to his flock. Presiding Elder Herbert preached for the flock Sunday night.

Two new houses going up in haste. More houses wanted to accommodate the people here now.

The Ehrhardt Hardware Co. have a good stock of goods in now and more coming every day. Mr. F. H. Copeland will be delighted to see and serve his many friends.

And still it's warm. Old weather prophets say when cool weather appears will have good dry weather, but as long as it is hot may look for more rain.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Sept. 11.—Mrs. S. L. Sanders has returned from a long and pleasant stay at Hot Springs, Ark.

Our new teachers commence to feel at home, and the new music teacher will be here soon.

Dr. Ed. Addison, who has been so extremely low, is convalescing now, all the nurses returning to their homes.

Mrs. E. S. Ulmer continues quite feeble.

Little Sadie Harter celebrated her birthday by inviting many of her school friends around. Merry games were played and a delicious sweet course was served. The little lady is so popular that she received many presents. One of the toasts offered her was; "May Dame Fortune ever smile on you, but never her daughter, Miss Fortune."

Mr. Porter Barber, the efficient telegrapher here, has taken a vacation, and is off for the mountains of North Carolina.

Miss Copeland, of Ehrhardt, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Martin Lightsey.

Mr. L. O. Watson, Pathologist of Clemson College, was a recent guest of Mr. George Sanders.

Dr. Wilber Tuten was married on the 6th instant at Orangeburg to Miss Fogle. They will live here. Our best wishes attend the happy young couple.

Denmark Doings.

Denmark, Sept. 12.—Mr. W. D. Rice has accepted a position with Mr. C. T. Bamberg, as salesman.

A great deal of cotton is being marketed here this week.

Dr. A. B. Hooton, who has been working for the Postal Tel. Cable Co., Augusta, Ga., is now in the city to spend a few days prior to resuming his studies at Charleston medical College.

Mayor J. Z. Brooker has moved into his new home near the railroad. Messrs. Christian Folk and "Chicken" Rice left this morning for Clemson College, where they will resume their studies.

Mr. James Price expects to leave in a few days on a business trip to Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rice, of this city, who have been spending the summer in the mountains of North Carolina, have returned.

The Denmark school will open next Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Children are requested to be there on time.

Mr. W. F. Rice, the efficient post master, who has been recuperating in North Carolina, has returned to this city, and appears to be greatly benefited by his trip.

Miss Livy Ray has returned from a trip to Rowesville, where she spent some time with friends.

Mrs. W. D. Rice, who has been visiting her parents in Chester, has returned, and will leave again in a few days for Appleton, S. C., where she has accepted a position as teacher in the school at that point.

Mrs. Annie Moss and grand-daughter, Meta Dowling, of Norway, S. C., stopped over here Monday on their way home from Black Mountain, N. C., and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Riley.

Prof. E. M. McCown, of Darlington, arrived Saturday to take charge of the Denmark school.

Mr. J. H. Kelley, of Savannah, Ga., was in the city Monday.

Mrs. B. F. Allen spent several days in Orangeburg this past week.

BODY OF YOUNG GIRL FOUND.

Suspicion of Foul Play Regarding Tragedy of Hendersonville.

Hendersonville, Sept. 10.—The body of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, 17 years old, the pretty daughter of very prominent people here, was found floating on the waters of Lake Osceola this morning. Discovery of the body deepens the mystery caused by the disappearance of the girl from her home last Thursday. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from unknown cause, but later developments promise to reveal one of the most sensational tragedies in the history of North Carolina. It is said that Miss Hawkins was dead before her body touched the water and credence was given to the suicide theory. However, there are suspicions of foul play.

Another Account.

Asheville, Sept. 10.—The mystery of the sudden disappearance last Thursday of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, of Hendersonville, N. C., aged 17, and remarkably pretty, was apparently deepened this morning when her dead body was found floating in the waters of Lake Osceola, three miles from Hendersonville. The discovery was made by three small boys who were fishing in the lake. Deep bruises on the head and face caused suspicion of foul play.

At the coroner's inquest this afternoon a verdict of "death of means unknown" was rendered.

Miss Hawkins, daughter of W. H. Hawkins, a jeweler of Hendersonville, left her home last Thursday to do some shopping. She never returned. Despite the most rigid search no trace of her was obtained until to-day when the body was found in a badly decomposed condition. It is stated that certain evidence indicates that the girl was dead before her body had reached the lake. Reports from Hendersonville to-night are to the effect that later developments may prove the death of the young girl to be one of the most sensational tragedies in the history of the State. Lake Osceola fronts Lake View Inn, and its banks are traversed daily by hundreds of carriages and motor cars.

Denmark Social News.

Denmark, Sept. 9.—Mrs. J. B. Guess and Misses Hattie Lee, Ruth and Francis Guess have returned, after an enjoyable stay in the mountains of North Carolina.

Misses Lillie and May Owens, of Dubarton, were the attractive guests of Miss Lynn Goolsby last week.

G. W. Hightower spent Sunday in Barnwell.

Misses Carrie Cave and Kathleen Califf, of Barnwell, and Mrs. C. C. Califf, of Brunswick, Ga., spent some time with Mrs. W. L. Califf last week.

H. W. Goolsby, of Fort Motte, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brabham, of Bamberg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Brabham's mother, Mrs. W. F. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hardwick, accompanied by their niece, Miss Mabelle Humphrey, of Waynesboro, Ga., have returned from an extended trip to the mountains of North Carolina.

R. M. McCarthy was a visitor in town Sunday.

Miss Belle Lanneau, of Savannah, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Wyman.

R. M. Willis spent Sunday in Wiliston.

Mrs. J. W. Wyman was the charming hostess Tuesday evening in compliment to Miss Lanneau, of Savannah, Ga.

Gaffney Pastor Removed.

Gaffney, Sept. 9.—Great interest has been excited in this city to-day by reason of the notice which is given below. The statement appears in a local paper to-day and was the first intimation that Gaffney people, outside of the congregation of the Limestone Street Methodist church, had that anything was amiss. It was known that Mr. Ferrell had resigned the pastorate of the church, but outsiders had thought that this was merely in order that he might accept a call to a Kentucky church. The following statement from the Presiding Elder of this district of the Methodist church throws some little light on the subject.

Spartanburg, Sept. 5, 1911.

Dear Editor:—Please allow me to state that I have found it necessary to remove Rev. W. A. Ferrell from the pastorate of the Limestone street and Beulah churches. The reasons for this action are purely administrative and do not involve any question as to his character.

Very truly,

MARK L. CARLISLE,
Presiding Elder Spartanburg Dist.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Bob Minus, colored, got his hand caught in a gin at Fairfax, Barnwell county, on Saturday, and it was so badly lacerated that it had to be amputated.

Reports filed with the comptroller general by auditors of 24 counties show an increase of \$3,500,000 in personal property for taxation and \$1,500,000 in real property.

Sol Talford, colored, of Rock Hill, killed his wife on Sunday by cutting her throat with a potato knife. She had just returned from a drive with another negro. Talford fled.

Pierce Allen, a white man, was convicted in a magistrate's court at Bingham, Florence county, on Thursday of stealing a dog from a farmer and was sentenced to the chain-gang for 30 days.

Ground was broken last week for the new Y. M. C. A. building in Charleston which is to cost more than \$108,000. The beginning of the work was characterized by appropriate ceremonies.

Burford Young, a prominent young farmer of the Walnut Grove section of Spartanburg county, was committed to jail on Thursday on the charge of attempted assault on a 14-year-old girl of the neighborhood. He was granted bail next day.

The legislature will have to elect a chief justice to succeed Ira B. Jones, and also an associate justice of the supreme court, at the session in January. It will be remembered that there was a deadlock over the election of an associate justice in the general assembly last January.

News from Kearsae.

Wanderer's Rest, Sept. 11.—Fifteen days' rain out of eighteen is the record here. The cotton is in the field, and much of it has rotted in the burr. No such spell of weather at this season of the year has occurred since 1893, when it rained every day for three weeks after the great storm, and all the cotton that was on the ground was lost, and the same holds now, is all the bright prospects of a month ago to be only a memory. For brightest hopes all torn and shattered is the end of the hope of a big crop of pretty cotton. Does nature give these bright prospects only to tantalize! Many men are fond of it, and to tease the other fellow seems to be the chief joy of life to them, see the cat turn the captured mouse free, only to catch it again and again, finally to crush its life out in the end. But nature is far more kind, for while the cotton is injured, the peas and grass are on a boom and where no hay was expected a bountiful supply is assured if the sun shines at the right time and the farmer will take time to harvest it, and no farm work pays better and every one should save enough to feed his stock and some to spare.

The dog days are gone, the mocking bird sings his melody in his sweetest strains, the roses, altheas, and many other flowers are in bloom, and only the old farmer goes with bowed head and drawn lips, for the notes will soon be due, and still it rains, but they will pass, the notes will be satisfied, and he, too, can join in the happy chorus and smile back at the violets as they soon will be showing their blue eyes, seeming to say, "Cheer up, sad hearts, for I only smile even through the frost of winter."

Life is not all gone, and the vim and effort is still here. The ladies of the neighborhood are having White Point school house painted, their other halves are adding other improvements, and few if any rural schools will have a better home in the county for young ideas to learn how to shoot.

A church is to be built here in the near future, and when it is finished and a bright coat of paint is applied, then will main street of this section begin to put on city airs.

Mr. B. V. Kearsae intends to build him a new home to make joy complete, for he is a happy father now, and it is a boy.

Rev. A. C. Walker preaches us some very fine sermons now, even if the weather is hot and the sermons preached at a disadvantage. Hope to give him better next year in the shape of a new church.

OLD TIMER.

NEGRO AT ST. MATTHEWS SHOT.

George Taylor Clubs Negro Woman, then Shoots Her Husband.

St. Matthews, Sept. 9.—The peace and quietude of this town was rudely disturbed last night at 9:30 o'clock by five pistol shots in rapid succession. Three physicians were rushed to "Buyck's Quarter," to find that Olin Hampton had been shot in the thigh by George Taylor, both colored. The femoral bone was fractured by the bullet. Taylor, it is said, had brutally clubbed Hampton's wife, his former paramour, in the morning, and when Hampton later remonstrated with him Taylor whipped out his pistol and began firing. Taylor is of violent temper and a dangerous character, having been in several cutting and shooting scrapes.

The Sunday-School Convention.

We would have given an account of the Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Sunday-school convention in last week's issue, but thought some official report would have come out, so as a number of our readers who could not attend the convention would like to know some of the results, we will give a short account of the proceedings.

The morning of the first day dawned cloudy and promising of bad weather, but the folks poured in hospitable Olar from every side and corner in proportion to the down-pouring rain. The writer did not arrive at the morning session, but when we did, on that southbound mid-day train, we were kindly met at depot by numbers of Olarites, who took charge of all delegations and their baggage and escorted us to the church, where a tempting feast was spread in the church, the inner row of pews being used to support temporary tables—and those are mighty strong pews, too, to support all those good things in the way of edibles.

The entire session was gracefully presided over by Capt. W. T. Cave as moderator and Rev. W. G. Britton as secretary. The program was carried out as published, except a few breaks from absentees, but those who figured on the program must have neglected much else in order to prepare a good show at the convention.

Special mention must be made of Miss Clara Johnson's address on teacher-training. It was broad and deep, giving some of her personal experiences along that line, which was a stimulus.

Revs. O. J. Frier, W. C. Baxley, W. G. Britton, and R. P. Golphin made some mighty good addresses and talks on various methods of improving Sunday-schools.

The addresses by Supts. J. A. Hunter, of Bamberg, and Jeff Hair, of Healing Springs, were strong and forcible and each and every one who had something to say said good things.

We think it but fair to mention little Miss Effie McCormack's musical ability. Though only thirteen years of age, she adapts herself to the organ in a manner becoming to one several years her senior, and played for the convention.

The entire session of the convention was a most pleasant and profitable occasion, despite the awful rainy weather and all Olar seemed to be Baptist in hospitality (and water, too.) The writer asked if there was any other church there but a Baptist, as everybody seemed one, and we were told that Capt. Cave said in his welcome address, "That when you were on the West side of the railroad you were Baptist and on the East side you were Methodist."

Dinner was served on the grounds every day, and the homes thrown open to entertainment at night, and we feel sure all who attended are benefitted in every way by the Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Sunday-school convention at Olar, August 30, 31, September 1, 1911.

The Bamberg Sunday-school again won the banner for having the best collections and Hunter's Chapel came next to it for having the best attendance. Both of the superintendents in these two Sunday-schools are Hunters, and they are still hunting for more students, etc.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENT.

Prosperous Colored Man.

G. W. Abel, one of our colored subscribers, who is a prosperous farmer, came in to renew his subscription last Thursday, and told us he had sold eleven bales of cotton that day on the Bamberg market for 11½ cents the pound. Bamberg's buyers, as usual, are paying more than elsewhere. This is the place to market your cotton.

CHIEF JUSTICE RESIGNED.

IRA B. JONES WILL MAKE RACE FOR GOVERNOR.

Resignation to Take Effect Next January—Announces His Candidacy for Governor.

Lancaster, S. C., Sept. 11, 1911. Hon. Cole L. Blease, Governor, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: I hereby tender my resignation as chief justice to take effect January 9th, 1912.

Very respectfully,

IRA B. JONES.

The resignation of Chief Justice Jones and his definite announcement that he will be a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary next summer, while rumored in some quarters, is a general surprise. By many it has not been considered likely that Mr. Jones would relinquish the highest judicial office in the State, of which he may have been certain for life, at a salary equal to that of the governor, in order to become a candidate for governor. Gov. Blease said a few days ago, in a Charleston interview, that should he do so Mr. Jones would find himself a "statesman without a job." Manifestly, the chief justice is not unwilling to put the issue to a test with the governor.

It is universally considered in political circles that Chief Justice Jones at any time would make a most formidable, if not an invincible, candidate for any office in the State. He is a product of the Reform movement, one of the ablest and most aggressive leaders of the warm political fights of the early 90's, but his career on the supreme bench has been highly distinguished for fairness and judicial integrity no less than for scholarship, learning and ability.

Chief Justice Jones is a man of most impressive personality; virile, aggressive, alert and absolutely fearless. Quick in debate, resourceful, thoroughly familiar with South Carolina affairs, he would at any time and against any opposition be a difficult man to handle on the stump, and should Gov. Blease stick to his determination to offer for reelection next year the candidacy of Mr. Jones makes it certain that there will be at least one antagonist able to cope with the governor, whose stump-speaking ability is highly regarded by his friends.

Several other influential, strong men have been mentioned recently for governor, but so far none of them has made any announcement as to his intentions.

Also from Newberry.

Chief Justice Jones is a native of Newberry, where he was born on December 29th, 1851. The early years of his life were spent in Newberry, where he attended Newberry college for a time, but in 1868 he entered Erskine college and graduated in the class of 1870. At college he distinguished himself as orator and debater. After graduation he returned to Newberry and taught school two years in that county and Edgefield, studying law in the meantime. While in Newberry he was associate editor of The Herald. He was admitted to the bar when 21 years old.

Candidate for Governor.

Lancaster, Sept. 12.—The Lancaster News received to-day the following statement from Chief Justice Ira B. Jones, who on yesterday forwarded his resignation, effective in January, to the governor:

The Lancaster News: You are authorized to state that if Providence permits, I will certainly be a candidate in the primary next August for nomination as governor.

IRA B. JONES.

Lancaster, Sept. 12.

NEAR-BEER RETURNED.

Solicitor Otts Disposes of Near-Beer Cases at Gaffney.

Gaffney, Sept. 7.—The latest development in the near-beer situation in Gaffney is the return of the beer seized when the raid was made by the sheriff. The seizure took place some weeks ago and since that time the beer has been stored at the county jail until it was returned to two of the owners by Sheriff Thomas. The order to return the beer was from Solicitor Otts and the return was made with the understanding that the article be shipped back to the brewery and that the owners refrain from engaging in the sale of "kneehigh," as it is here known, in the future. It is thought possible that this will mean the end of the cases against the near-beer dealers in this city.

RECORD BREAKING REPORT.

771,415 Bales of Cotton Ginned to September 1.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The first cotton ginning report of the season, issued to-day by Director E. Dana Durand, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce and labor, shows that 771,415 bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned from the growth of 1911, to September 1, compared with 353,011 bales of the growth of 1910, ginned to September 1, 1910, 388,242 bales for 1909, and 402,229 bales for 1908.

Round Bales.

Round bales included this year are 6,994, compared with 10,976 for 1910, 11,587 for 1909 and 20,862 for 1908. The number of sea island bales included is 539 for 1911, 218 for 1910, 1,236 for 1909 and 1,221 for 1908.

Comparisons of the number of bales, counting round bales as half bales, ginned to September 1, for the past four years follows: Alabama, 40,500; Arkansas, 170; Florida, 3,764; Georgia, 134,075; Louisiana, 7,616; Mississippi, 1,849; North Carolina, 1,209; Oklahoma, 4,205; South Carolina, 18,907; Tennessee, 5; Texas, 559,114; other States, 1.

Record Breaker.

The ginning of cotton of the growth of 1911 was carried on more actively throughout the cotton belt to September 1 this year than in any similar period in the history of the industry, at least as far as accurate ginning records have been kept. This is shown by the first ginning reports of the season compiled by the census bureau from reports of its correspondents in the cotton growing States. A total of 771,425 bales has been ginned up to a week ago. This is greater by almost 300,000 bales than the previous record made in 1905.

Weather the Cause.

The continued hot and dry weather in a greater portion of the belt, especially in Texas, was chiefly responsible for the increase. These conditions meant the early maturing of the crop, but this alone is not considered a cause of greater ginning. Farmers have been more active in getting their crop to the ginneries and, it is said, in some counties of Texas, where the bulk of the increased ginning was reported, the entire crop practically already has been ginned.

No Indication of Size of Crop.

Little relaxation appears to exist, according to the census bureau experts, between the size of the crop and the quantity of cotton ginned during any period of the season. This is shown in the big crop of 1904, 1906 and 1908, each of which produced more than 13,000,000 bales. In these years the percentage of the total crop ginned to September 1 was 2.8, 3.1 and 3.1 per cent. respectively, while in 1905, when the crop was 10,800,000, 4.5 per cent. of it was ginned by September 1. Last year 3.1 per cent. of the total crop was ginned to September 1.

EVANS FOR WOODROW WILSON.

Ex-Governor Feels Pulse of Northern Republicans.

Spartanburg, Sept. 6.—Ex-Governor John Gary Evans returned to-day from a trip through Northern States. He attended the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Boston. Mr. Evans stated that while in the North he met many leading representative Republicans, who said that if the South would put forward a man for president they would support him. From these expressions and others, the ex-governor is optimistic over the prospects for Democratic success in 1912, and said that, in his opinion, Woodrow Wilson was the best man for the Democrats to nominate, and that he would be a winner.

Cotton Crop Brought Billion.

New Orleans, Sept. 5.—"No American cotton crop ever grown has sold for as much as the one just marketed, the total value, including the seed, having been \$1,030,000,000."

This remarkable statement is contained in the detailed statistics of last season's cotton crop issued to-day by Col. Henry C. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange.

The crop was not so large as that of 1908, but the prices were higher.

—Misses Grace and Quintora Hoffman, who have been spending the summer with their grandfather Mr. I. W. Rentz, near Ehrhardt, passed through Branchville Tuesday on their way back to school. Mr. A. K. Rentz accompanied them as far as Branchville.—Branchville Journal.